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[Report No. 112–107]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for a natural gas transmission pipeline in nonwilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JANUARY 13, 2012

Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of December 17, 2011,
by Mr. BINGAMAN, without amendment

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE NAT-**
 2 **URAL GAS PIPELINE.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPURTENANCE.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “appur-

6 tenance” includes cathodic protection or test

7 stations, valves, signage, and buried commu-

8 nication and electric cables relating to the oper-

9 ation of high-pressure natural gas transmission.

10 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “appur-

11 tenance” does not include compressor stations.

12 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Denali

13 National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska.

14 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means

15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 (b) PERMIT.—The Secretary may issue right-of-way

17 permits for—

18 (1) a high-pressure natural gas transmission

19 pipeline (including appurtenances) in nonwilderness

20 areas within the boundary of Denali National Park

21 within, along, or near the approximately 7-mile seg-

22 ment of the George Parks Highway that runs

23 through the Park; and

24 (2) any distribution and transmission pipelines

25 and appurtenances that the Secretary determines to

1 be necessary to provide natural gas supply to the
2 Park.

3 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A permit authorized
4 under subsection (b)—

5 (1) may be issued only—

6 (A) if the permit is consistent with the
7 laws (including regulations) generally applicable
8 to utility rights-of-way within units of the Na-
9 tional Park System;

10 (B) in accordance with section 1106(a) of
11 the Alaska National Interest Lands Conserva-
12 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 3166(a)); and

13 (C) if, following an appropriate analysis
14 prepared in compliance with the National Envi-
15 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321
16 et seq.), the route of the right-of-way is the
17 route through the Park with the least adverse
18 environmental effects for the Park; and

19 (2) shall be subject to such terms and condi-
20 tions as the Secretary determines to be necessary.

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